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In re Application of:  
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Application No. 09/531,120  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(c), filed on August 11, 2000, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of March 17, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of March 20, 2000.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on March 17, 2000. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail receipt number EM167083591US and a copy of the cover sheet and first sheet of the application, both showing the mailing label number above clearly marked on the papers. The Express Mail receipt shows a "date in" of March 17, 2000.

In view of the above, *this petition is granted.*

This application will be returned to Initial Patent Examination Division for correction of the filing date to March 17, 2000.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Scott M. Ledford in the Office of Petitions at (703) 306-5593.

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